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CHAPTER 4: DIFFERENT TIMEFRAMES

BY THE TIME I WAS AWARE OF MY SURROUNDINGS, MY PARENTS HAD BOTH ALREADY PASSED AWAY.

WHILE I CERTAINLY COULDN'T SAY I LIVED IN AFFLUENCE, IT WAS WELL ENOUGH FOR ME.

THAT'S WHY DESPITE ALL HARSH THINGS THAT HAPPENED, I RESENTED NOTHING.

THAT'S BECAUSE I LOVED THIS GREEN LENSTER MY PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS BUILT...

I WOULD PROTECT THIS COUNTRY IN FATHER AND MOTHER'S STEAD...

OR SO I THOUGHT....

AND YET...

AND YET, HE...

BECAUSE I COULD FEEL THE WARM FEELINGS OF MY PARENTS TOWARDS MY FATHERLAND.

NOTHING GOOD WILL COME FROM LAMENTING OVER THAT.

LEAF.
PULL YOUR-SELF TO-GETHER.
YOUR COUNTRY, LENSTER, HAS FALLEN TO ITS ENEMY ALSTER.
LENSTER'S SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN ANNIHILATED.
IT WASN'T SOMETHING WE COULD DO WITH THESE NUMBERS.

JUST HOW COULD I NOT LAMENT IT?!

KING BLUME ...

HE...

WHAT DO YOU THINK HE TOOK FROM ME?

MY FATHER-LAND!

LEVIN! YOU'VE HAD YOUR FATHER-LAND OCCUPIED BY THE EMPIRE AS WELL, NO?!

THEN YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW I'M FEELING!

DID I SCARE YOU...?

SORRY...

NANNA...

LORD LEAF, PLEASE!

PLEASE CALM DOWN!

ALRIGHT NOW...

I'M...

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD...

ABOUT YOUR COUSIN, CELICE?

!

IT SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG TO RECLAIM YOUR FATHERLAND IF YOU BORROW HIS STRENGTH.

HE SHOULD BE CROSSING THE YIED DESERT AND HEADING HERE RIGHT NOW.

YES, I KNOW ABOUT CELICE.

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIS FACE, BUT...

IT'S AMAZING...

BEING THE LIBERATION ARMY'S LEADER AT THAT AGE...

FINN TOLD ME ABOUT HIM.

HE'S ONE YEAR OLDER THAN ME, RIGHT?

HE PROBABLY HAS THE STRENGTH EXPECTED FOR SUCH A POSITION...

THE LIBERATION ARMY'S LEADER, HUH.

I'M SURE HE DOESN'T FALTER...

IN FACE OF PRESSURE AND UNEASINESS...

I JUST KNOW.

AFTER ALL, HIS FATHER WAS GREAT, WASN'T HE?

IF YOU HAVEN'T MET CELICE YET?

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT...

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

ME?

...

—

THEN...

CAN'T BE A LEADER OTHERWISE, CAN HE?

HE WHO INHERITS SUCH WILL...

YOUR LATE PARENTS WERE JUST AS GREAT AS SIGURD WAS.

AS FAR AS THAT GOES, YOU'RE IN THE SAME POSITION AS CELICE. WHAT HAVE YOU INHERITED?

THAT'S WHY...

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ASK FOR CELICE'S HELP NOW, ISN'T IT?!

...!

WHAT'S THAT?

I'VE LOST EVERY-THING I INHER-ITED!

AND YOU ASK ABOUT ME...?

NOW ...

CELICE...

HAD WE MET EARLIER...

LORD LEAF, YOU MUST GET READY.

IT SEEMS THE ALSTER SOLDIERS ARE BROADENING THEIR SEARCHING RANGE.

SOON THIS FOREST WILL NO LONGER BE SAFE, I BELIEVE.

YOU'RE TOO IMPUDENT!

WE'RE ALREADY IN LENSTER, RIGHT?

WE'VE REACHED LENSTER.

WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE CASTLE SOON ENOUGH.

YES.

RIGHT, OR AYE?

IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE CASTLE FROM THIS FOREST...

I SEE.

I'LL BE ABLE TO MEET PRINCE LEAF, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

SOON ENOUGH.

INDEED.

THAT CASTLE IS—

THAT'S—

YES MASTER CASTLE—

IN THIS COUN-TRY...

LENSTER AND ALSTER WERE IN CONFLICT, OR SO I'VE HEARD.

HOWEVER, WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT...

THE BATTLE BETWEEN THEM WOULD HAVE ALREADY STARTED...

PRINCE LEAF.

WHAT HAPPENED TO PRINCE LEAF?!

WE CAME THIS FAR...

AND YET COULDN'T DO ANY-THING...

CELICE ..

WAS I...

TOO LATE?

LORD CELICE.

I'M SURE PRINCE LEAF IS ALRIGHT.

PRINCE LEAF...

LORD LEVIN SHOULD BE WITH PRINCE LEAF RIGHT NOW.

JULIA...

SO, I'M SURE...

HE'S ALRIGHT.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, RANA?

AH... YES...

YES!

IT'S JUST LIKE JULIA SAID!

YOU'RE RIGHT.

LET'S HURRY TO LENSTER!

I SHOULDN'T BE PESSIMISTIC.

IF CELICE IS LOOKING AT THAT MOON FROM SOMEWHERE...

I WONDER...

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CELICE'S PERSONALITY.

SAY, LEVIN.

WHAT IS IT?

HOW IS HE?

OR MAYBE CALM AND MATURE?

I WONDER IF HE'S VERY STRONG-WILLED?

HE'S NAIVE AND STILL THINKS LIKE A CHILD.

YES?

HE'S INDEED CALM, BUT...

IS THAT SO?

HE'S GENTLE.

I SEE...

YOU TOLD ME IT SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG TO RECLAIM MY FATHERLAND IF I BORROW HIS STRENGTH...

TELL ME THAT BECAUSE YOU TRUSTED HIM?

HOWEVER, THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN HE'LL *SUCCEED.*

I TOLD YOU TO BORROW HIS STRENGTH BECAUSE LIBERATION IS HIS DESTINY, AS HE WAS BORN AS SIGURD'S SON.

NOBODY IS BORN STRONG.

YOU'VE NEVER EVEN MET HIM, SO WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

STOP RELYING ON CELICE BASED ON YOUR OWN DELUSIONS!

WHO TOLD ME TO BORROW HIS POWER...

LEVIN... YOU WERE THE ONE...

I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO YOUR TALK FOR A WHILE...

WHY DO YOU THINK HIS CURRENT STRENGTH IS SOMETHING THAT WAS DECIDED AT HIS BIRTH?

AND IT SEEMS YOU THINK CELICE IS SOME KIND OF GREAT HERO.

WHY DO YOU SAY HE DOESN'T FEEL UNEASY OR ISN'T UNDER PRESSURE?

WHAT'S WRONG IN RELYING ON HIS STRENGTH?!

I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE!!

WHAT'S WRONG IN THINKING HE'S GREAT?

"MY OWN DELU-SIONS?"

JUST NOW...

ENEMY ATTACK!

JUST AS I EXPECTED...

WHO SAID THAT?!

GOT IT! TAKE CARE OF THE ENEMIES AHEAD BEFORE THEY CAN SURROUND US!

IT SEEMS THEY'RE ALSTER SOLDIERS!

LORD CELICE! WE CAN SEE SOME ENEMIES SOUTHWEST!

DON'T ADVANCE CARELESSLY!

BOW FIGHTERS, FALL BACK AND SUPPORT THE SWORD FIGHTERS!

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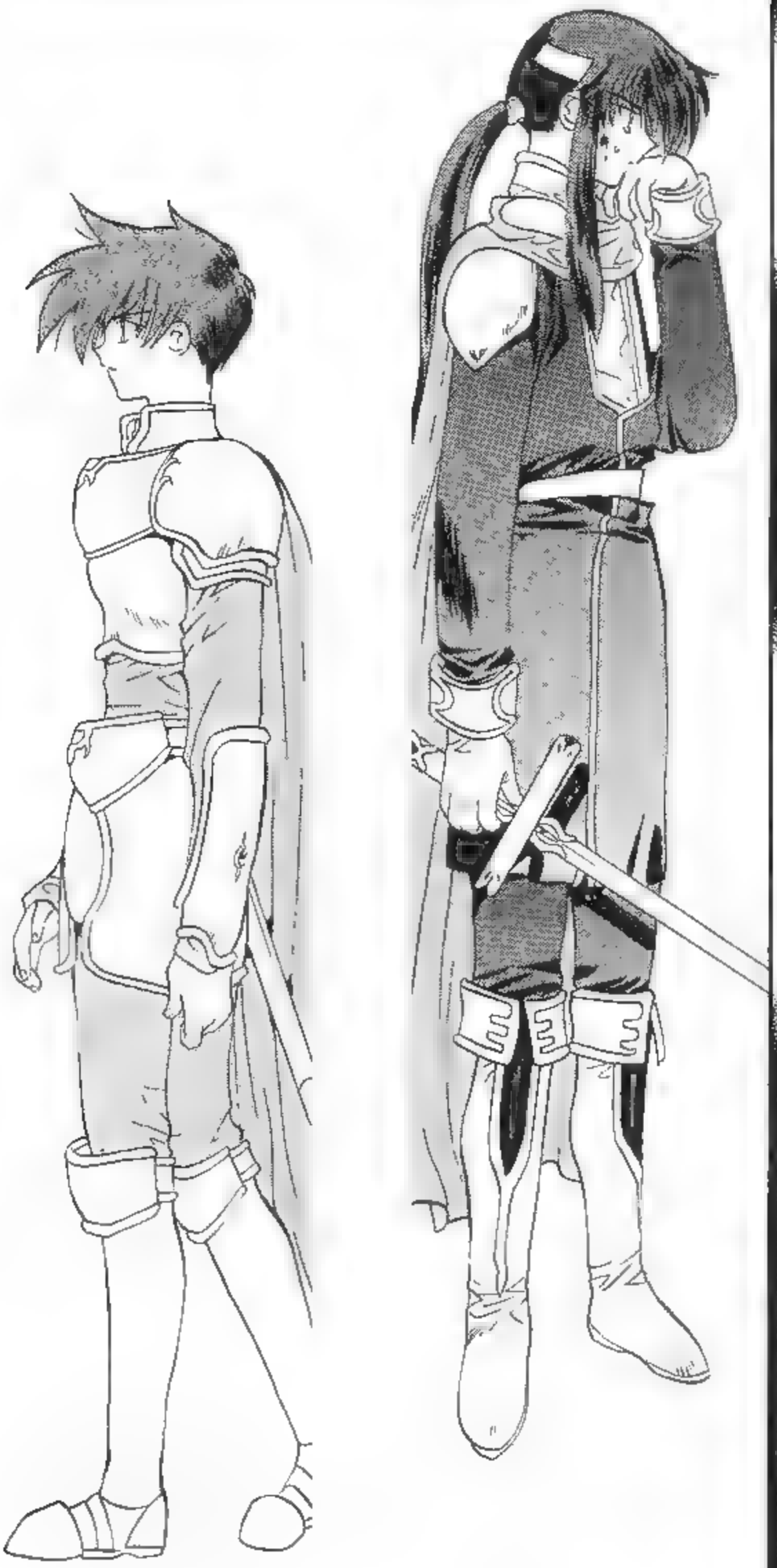
THIS MAN... IS CELICE!..

IT WASN'T THAT I WAS UNEASY FOR HAVING TO RELY ON SOMEBODY ELSE...

I WANTED TO BELIEVE THAT MY FATHERLAND WOULD BE SAVED IF I RELIED ON CELICE'S STRENGTH.



THAT TIME,

WHEN I SAW YOU WOUNDED AND FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE... I NOTICED.

YOU WEREN'T A MAN WHO HAD BEEN LIVING EFFORTLESSLY.

REMEM-
BER. .

REMEMBER!

I HAD FORGOTTEN...

THAT DAY WHEN I SWORE TO PROTECT MY FATHERLAND, WHEN I WAS JUST A CHILD...

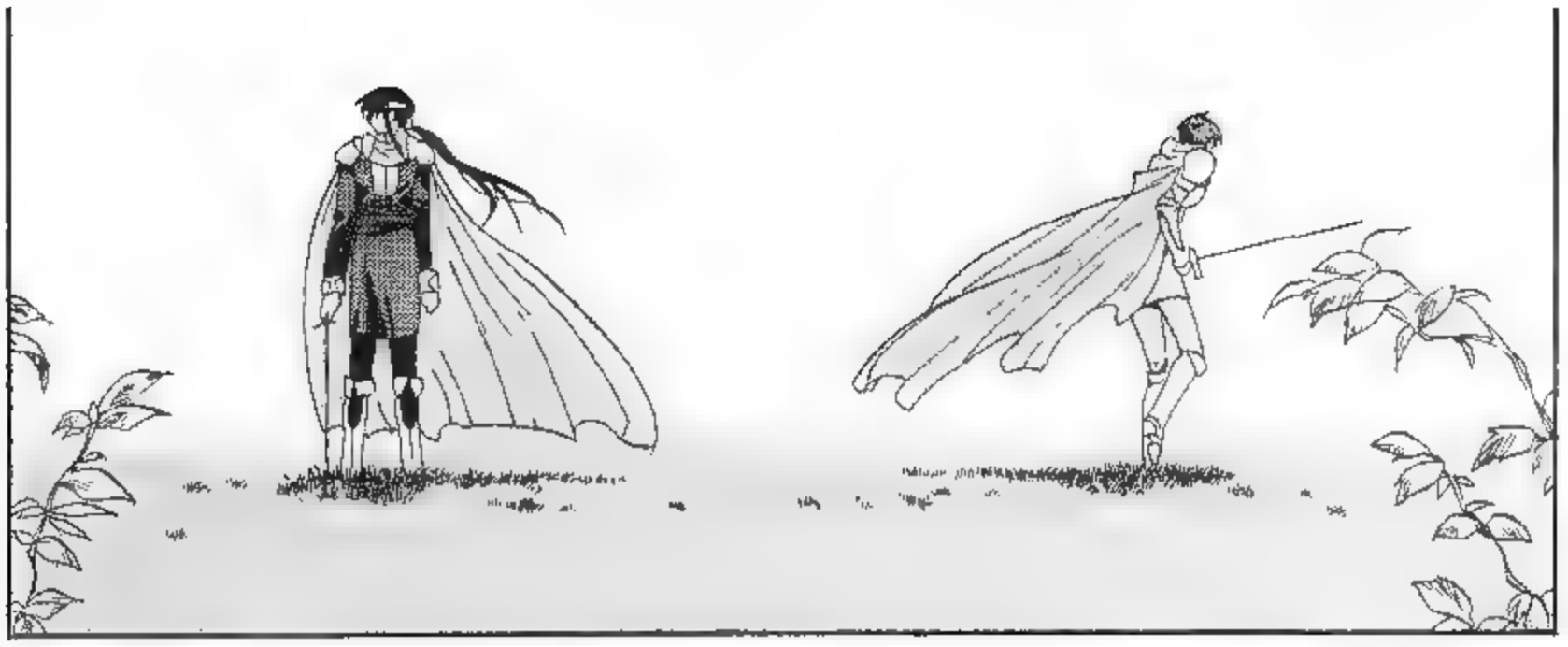
CELICE!

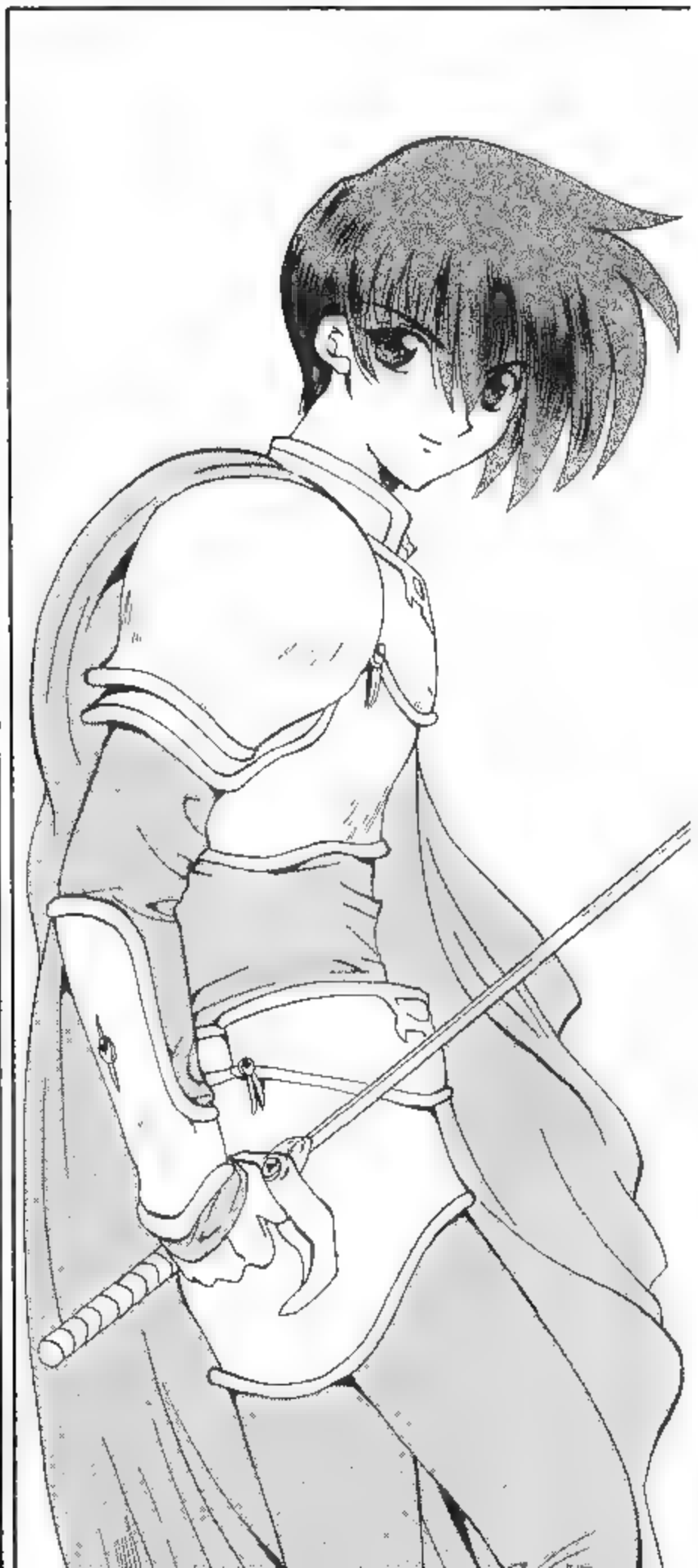
I'LL RECLAIM MY FATHERLAND WITH MY OWN STRENGTH!

I CANNOT BE KILLED...

BY THE LIKES OF YOU GUYS!!

UNTIL THEN...





I AM LEAF OF LENSTER.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

SORRY FOR GETTING YOU INVOLVED IN THIS BATTLE BECAUSE OF MY COUNTRY'S CIRCUMSTANCES.

YES.

ALSO,

SAY,

CELICE.

SO YOU WERE SAFE!

CELICE.

FEEL LIKE I CAN FINALLY FACE MY FATHERLAND, NOW.

NO MATTER HOW HARSH OR SAD IT MIGHT BE,

NOTHING GOOD WILL COME UNLESS I TAKE ACTION THERE.

I...

WOULD YOU LET ME FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOU?

BECAUSE...

I'LL DO MY BEST, JUST LIKE YOU DO.

I'LL DO MY BEST...

RECLAIM MY FATHER-LAND...

AND THEN FOLLOW THE PATH OF THE LIBERATION ARMY, AS YOUR COUSIN.

ALRIGHT?

CELICE.

OF COURSE,

PRINCE LEAF.

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あとがき

ファイアーエムブレム…… 昔ゲームショップでキラキラ見かけていたあの人気のゲームソフトを、時が経ってF・Eを知っている友人から「良い、泣ける、感動」と聞かされた。あの感動のゲームソフトを、私なんかが連載してしまっていいのだろうかと、プレッシャーを感じてきた日々……。

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そんなこんなで、これからもずっとそういう事をくり返しつつ精進していきたいと思っています。

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